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Testimony

H.B. 5399 An Act Concerning The Euthanizing Of Animals By The Connecticut Humane Society

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Environment Committee

Dear Senator Meyer, Representative Roy, Senator Roraback, Representative Chapin and members of the Environment Committee:


I am here today to testify today on Committee Bill 5399.

This proposed legislation is a good bill and merits support. My concern however lies in the last sentence of Section 2 which would allow the Humane Society to deliver an animal without restriction to anyone and for any purpose. This sentence largely diminishes the positive assurance provided by the rest of the bill which prevents the Society from destroying an animal in an inhumane manner. In effect, the Society is permitted by the final sentence freely to give an animal to someone to treat it in a manner that the Society itself could not.

I suggest that Committee Bill 5399 could be improved by requiring in the last sentence that any transfer of the animal be pursuant to an agreement that the transferee will not destroy the animal other than under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Further, this provision would be strengthened by adding civil liability for any person who causes the destruction of an animal after receiving it under an agreement to provide care. Giving this broad application, beyond transfers just by the Humane Society, would be of tremendous assistance to animal welfare organizations and advocates generally.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Best regards,


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Dear Mr. Bowsza:

This e-mail is being sent in support of the 6 mph speed limit proposed for the Mystic River.(committee bill No. 5300). I completely support the bill and would also support the removal of the antiquated and unenforceable laws which are currently on the books with regard to these speed limits.

Thank you.

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